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THE WEST END ASSOCIATION.

The existence of the West End Association dates from 1884. Its first meeting (under the name of the Citizens' West Side Improvement Association) was held on February 1st of that year, at the office of Mr. Andrew Powell in West 72d Street, and shortly thereafter permanent quarters were taken at No. 408 W. 71st Street.

The objects of the organization were the improvement of that part of New York City lying between 59th and 110th Streets west of Eighth Avenue, and "the bringing together of the residents of that district for their better acquaintance and for their general and mutual benefit." Any resident or property holder of the district, of full age, was eligible to membership, and the Association began with between twenty-five and thirty members.

In February, 1889, it incorporated as The West End Association; its membership at that time having increased to about 140. The initiation fee was fixed at Two Dollars and the annual dues at Five Dollars, as they still remain. In February, 1893, the northern limit of its district was changed to Manhattan Street, since which date its boundaries have remained unaltered. Its present quarters, in the Hotel St. Andrew, have been occupied since February 1st, 1904.

Bearing strictly in mind the last provision of that section of its Constitution setting forth its object: "It is distinctly understood, however, that this corporation shall not be in any sense a political organization," this Association has, from the time of its formation, interested itself in and taken action upon almost every question, great or small, related to the material interests of the West End.

The condition of the streets, their pavements and sidewalks, the enforcement of the ordinances regulating traffic therein, the providing of proper facilities for rapid transit, the establishment and maintenance of good public schools in buildings architecturally suited to their surroundings, the establishment and maintenance of proper postal facilities, the securing of better equipment and service by the elevated, the surface and the underground railroads, the improvement of public parks and squares; all have been the subject of constant effort on the part of the Association, through correspondence, the work of its committees, attending before the city authorities or at Albany before the Legislature, and a great deal of work by individual members at all times.

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THE BOULEVARD: This thoroughfare received a large share of attention from the organization of the Association in 1884 to the time when it became part of Broadway, in 1899, appropriations being made at various times, in the early days, for the cleaning of crosswalks, etc.

During the year 1900 a vigorous, though unsuccessful, effort was made to save the trees along the thoroughfare, the removal of which was rendered necessary by the construction of the Rapid Transit Subway. The trees planted by the contractor, upon the completion of the Subway work, not having proved satisfactory, a movement was begun looking to the planting of the Broadway parkways with shrubbery instead, which it is believed would greatly improve the appearance of the thoroughfare and could be cultivated to much greater advantage. Improvement of these parkways has not yet been effected, but is hoped for.

RIVERSIDE PARK: From 1888, when the Association began work in connection with this great pleasure ground, it has done all in its power to procure the enactment of laws providing for its completion and the appropriation of the funds under such laws with which to do the work. The Association endorsed the plan to extend this park to 181st Street.

CENTRAL PARK WEST: During 1906 efforts were made to procure the widening of the roadway, but to date, without success.

79TH STREET DUMP: Every one who recalls the ash and garbage dump which for years stood at the foot of West 79th Street must appreciate the improvement effected by its removal. This resulted after one of the longest and hardest fights ever made by the Association. Begun early in 1891, it lasted until the passage of Chapter 900 of the Laws of 1895, whereby the establishment of any such nuisance on the water front of a park above 59th Street is forbidden. In 1905 a special committee was appointed to investigate and act in relation to an alleged violation of this law, upon the dock property at the foot of 79th Street and generally with regard to the use of the dock property at 79th and 96th Streets along the water front of Riverside Park. The committee has worked steadily during the past two years, and the abatement of the evils complained of is looked for, although not in the near future.

NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY BRIDGE: This matter also involved the expenditure of a great deal of time, labor and money by the Association. The plan of the projectors of the scheme was to cross the Hudson River at a point which would begin the 29-mile "approach" planned for the New York end at the lower end of Riverside Park. The Association fought this encroachment at every step, both here and in Congress, and at the end of five years, late in 1895, had the satisfaction of knowing that the bridge would not be allowed to land on the Park front.

AMSTERDAM AVENUE: The effort to prevent the establishment of four tracks for cars operated by the underground trolley, which began in 1896, resulted in the passage of Chapter 371 of the Laws of 1899, and accomplished that result, was one that enlisted the services of a number of organizations on the West Side. It may safely be said that none contributed more, in time and money, and in the work of its members, than did the West End Association. Its delegation of fifty members to Albany, in advocacy of the bill above referred to, was the largest it had sent in relation to any matter since sending the one which urged the repeal of the Act providing for a speedway in Central Park, and the Association may justly claim credit for effective work done in each of these matters. Some five years since proceedings were begun by the City to compel the removal of the two outer tracks along this avenue. In 1903 this Association appointed a special committee of five to seek the same end, the proceedings by the City having been stayed. That committee, after four years' work reported in October, 1907, that the legal action taken had resulted in an order compelling the removal of these tracks, pursuant to which the tracks had been removed during the summer of 1907 and the avenue repaved. This ended successfuly one of the most important undertakings of the Association.

STREET SIGNS: During the years 1902-03 a great deal of work was done by the committee having in charge the matter of procuring proper street signs, the result of which are manifest. This Association is now represented in the Street Signing Conference of Municipal Organizations, formed in November, 1904, which has already made satisfactory progress and hopes for ultimate success in its efforts to have the city streets properly signed.

It is hoped that the Conference will also be able to take up the question of the proper numbering of houses.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES: In view of the steadily increasing demand for adequate transportation facilities, the Association in 1904 added to its list of standing committee a Committee on Railroads, to deal particularly with questions relating to this matter.

THE SUBWAY: The completion of this great work and opening in October, 1904, was matter for congratulation. The inferior character of the station at 72d Street and its dangerous proximity to the surface car tracks are to be regretted, as is also the fact that the efforts of the special committee, appointed to secure a change in the location of the structure, were unsuccessful. By persistent effort, however, the committee has succeeded in procuring assurance from the Public Service Commission that two of the relief measures asked for—the use of the southerly doors and provision for protection over the doorways outside the building—will be furnished.

LEGISLATION: The Association has particularly interested itself in relation to the City Charter, Taxation and the Building Laws. Its committees have worked steadily to procure the exemption of mortgages from taxation, and it is hoped this will yet be accomplished. It favored the passage of the Act passed in 1906 providing for a commission of fifteen to revise the State Tax Laws. It opposed the enactment of the Mortgage Tax Law of 1905 (Charter 720), and endorsed the act repealing it, passed in 1906, and providing for a recording fee of ½ of 1 per cent. It favored the bill of 1906 for placing the sprinkling and sanding of streets under the jurisdiction of the Department of Street Cleaning, which did not pass; and opposed the Elsberg bill providing for the filling by the Mayor of vacancy in the Rapid Transit Commission, which was defeated. It endorsed the bill providing for the depression of New York Central tracks, which was enacted. It procured the passage of the ordinance forbidding heavy trucking on West End Avenue, and the ordinance providing that surface cars on Broadway, between 59th and 125th Streets, shall have their gates open on the side nearest the pathways. The railway company having for some months past violated this ordinance, the Corporation Counsel has been called upon to take proper action.

MOTOR VEHICLES: During the past six years, through its own committee as well as in connection with the Citizens' Committee of Fifty, it has worked for proper enforcement of the law regulating the speed of motor vehicles, especially with a view to preventing the reckless speeding of automobiles in crowded thoroughfares. While not at all desirous of interfering with legitimate use of the streets, it opposes any attempt to turn them into race courses.

NEW JERSEY BLASTING, &c.: The matter of nuisance and damage caused by blasting, and by the smoke and fumes from factories on the Jersey shore of the Hudson, was carefully investigated by a committee representing the West End and other associations, and their abatement secured.

POLICE PROTECTION: The matter of securing better police service in the parks and throughout the district is in the hands of the Committee on Legislation, Law and Schools.

PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD JOIN THE ASSOCIATION.

The Association seeks, and feels that it deserves, the active support of all residents and property-owners within its district. The beneficial results of its work are not limited to the interests of its members; it freely contributes its time, money and labor to promoting the interests of the West End and ought to have on its roll the name of every resident and property-owner of that section who is interested in its welfare.

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